

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

David L. Burke, et al.

Application No.: 09/641,190

Filing Date: August 17, 2000

For: SEASONING SYSTEM  
AND METHOD

§ Atty Docket No.: SVEJ 22  
§ cc: Atty Docket No. SVEJ 22-5  
§ Group Art Unit: 1734  
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§ Examiner: Laura Estelle Edwards

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

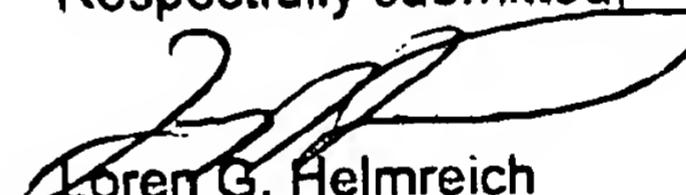
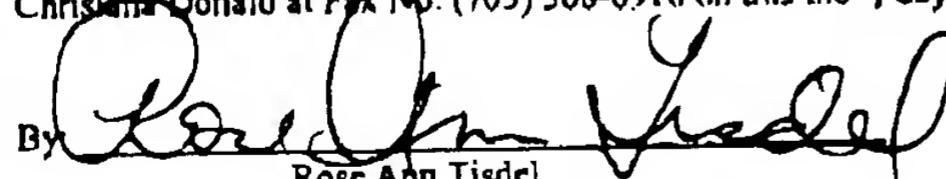
Please cancel Claims 1-47, 55-82 and 87-97 without prejudice to Applicant.

**REMARKS**

Claims 48-54 and 83-86 remain pending.

Early allowance of the application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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